

**LAMONT COUNTY
POLICY**

- TITLE: NO SPRAY AGREEMENT
- AUTHORITY: AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
- POLICY STATEMENT: LAMONT COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RATEPAYERS REQUESTING A “NO SPRAY” ZONE WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS.
- PURPOSE: TO ADDRESS RATEPAYER REQUESTS FOR A “NO SPRAY” ZONE WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS ADJACENT TO PROPERTY THEY OCCUPY
- POLICY RESOLUTION: 98-154, 99-86, 02-120, 03-95, ASB05-48, ASB08-070
- DEFINITIONS:
- County:* Lamont County or its agent
- Landowner:* Registered Landowner within the County
- Agreement:* An approved “No Spray” application between the landowner and the County.
- Zone:* “No Spray” area limits identified in the Agreement
- PROCEDURE:
1. The Landowner is responsible to provide adequate weed control for that portion ***and***
 - a) ***The landowner will control all noxious and restricted weeds, as designated by the Alberta Weed Control Act, on or before July 15 or as deemed necessary by the Agricultural Fieldman.***
 - b) ***Landowners will be contacted at least 5 days prior to the July 15 deadline as a reminder that weed control must be completed.***
 - c) ***“No Spray” agreements are considered null and void after July 15, should the landowner fail to control the weeds within the boundaries of the agreement.***

- 2. *Failure to comply with this agreement will result in:***
 - a) *“No Spray” signs removed***
 - b) *Control measures carried out at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman***
 - c) *Landowners who have had their “No Spray” signs removed and control measures conducted by the County, will be ineligible to participate in the “No Spray” program for a period of 1 year following control measures by the County.***

- 3.** In the event that the County has to perform remedial work in order to remain in compliance with the Weed Control Act, costs will be added to the Landowner’s property taxes.

- 4.** Landowners requesting a “No Spray” zone along County right-of-ways adjacent to their property shall enter into the attached “No Spray” agreement with Lamont County.

- 5.** It is the Landowner’s responsibility to annually register their participation in the “No Spray” program and the location of “No Spray” signs. All agreements, registrations, amendments and/or terminations must be submitted in writing, either mailed in or faxed to the County prior to May 15. Failure to renew your current “No Spray” agreement prior to May 15 will result in the termination of your agreement.

- 6.** Landowners wishing to enter into an agreement must apply prior to May 15. There will be one agreement per location.

- 7.** The County shall provide standard “No Spray” signs to the landowner at the beginning of the first year of participation only. The landowner is responsible for:
 - a) picking up the signs at the County Public Works Shop;
 - b) installing and maintaining the signs, as per diagram below, at a location so as to clearly determine the “No Spray” zone stated in the Agreement, while maintaining visibility and complying with the agreement;

- c) the repair and/or replacement of the sign(s)
 - d) *Incorrectly placed signs will result in notification to agreement holder to correct within 5 days; failure to do so will result in removal of signs, remedial action for weed control and termination of agreement.*
8. a) The Lamont County spray program is intended to reduce the spread of weeds and brush, reduce snow trap problems, aid visibility and reduce the spread of crop diseases along County roads.
- b) The “No Spray” policy offers an opportunity to opt out of herbicide application adjacent to the landowner’s properties.
- c) The County is still concerned with weed and brush control, and urges the “No Spray” participant to place high emphasis on maintaining their zone(s) free of weeds and brush.
9. The County is required to enforce the Provincial Weed Act, which states that all Landowners or occupants are responsible for maintenance of their property, including the zones identified in the agreement.